(ii) State Governments/U.T. Administrations can procure 30 per cent of vanaspati produced within their jurisdiction at ex-factory price for supply through P.D.S., if they consider it necessary.

(iii) A watch is being ketp on prices of vanaspati by the Directorate of Vanaspati, Vegetable Oils & Fats with the help of State Governments/ U.T. Administrations.

(iv) States have been asked to ensure effective implementation of the pulses, Edible Oilseeds & Oils (Storage Control) Order, 1977.

(v) Sale of imported edible oils in the open market by State Trading Corporation.

Organising Youth Parliaments in India

*506. SHRI RAM CHANDER VIKAL: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to organise 'Youth Parliaments' throughout the country;

(b) if so, what are the outlines thereof: and

(c) by when the Youth Parliaments are likely to be organised throughout the country.

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) No, Sir. However, it has been decided in consultation and co-ordination with the Ministry of Human Resource Development (Deptt. of Education) that on the occasion of 40th anniversary of India's freedom, a national level competition amongst the Kendriya Vidayalayas be organised.

(b) The outlines of the aforesaid schemes are under process of finalisation.

(c) No specific date for holding the Youth Parliament Competitions amongst all the schools at national level can be given as it requires consultation and agreement with the State Governments.

Negotiation with International Fund for Agriculture Development

507 SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are negotiating with the International Fund for Agriculture Development (IFAD), Rome. for launching a tribal development project in Orissa covering Kashipur Block of Koraput district; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (DR. SHRIMATI RAJENDRA KUMARI BAJPAI): (a) and (b) Negotiations have been held with the International Fund for Agricultural Development for a loan of SDRs 9,250,000 equivalent to US $12 2 Million towards part financing of a Tribal Development project in Kashipur Block of Koraput district in Orissa at an estimated cost of Rs 32 crores. The project is intended to achieve sustainable economic upliftment of the Tribal Population and to arrest further degradation of the natural resources base in the project area through a coordinated programme of investment in agricultural production, development of human resource and rural infrastructure.

Purchase of rice/wheat by NCCF Branches

*508 SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Jammu/ Srinagar branches of the NCCF had purchased large quantity of rice and wheat worth over Rs. 1 crore in 1983-84 directly through a fraudulent deal with a private party without any tenders and quotations;

(b) whether the purchases were approved by the Competent Authority;

(c) whether any enquiry was conducted into this deal;

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(e) who are the officers involved in this scandal and what action has been taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L BHAGAT): (a) to (e) NCCF has informed that in September 1983, Jammu & Kashmir Government placed an order with Srinagar Branch of NCCF to supply 2500 MTs. of IR-8 Rice and 10,000 MTs. of wheat. NCCF obtained offers from five parties and finalised the deal of purchase of rice and wheat with the firm quoting the lowest rates. Srinagar branch of NCCF had purchased 2496 85 MTs. of rice at a total cost of Rs 82 40 lakhs and 284 5 MTs. of wheat at Rs 5.52 lakhs for supply to Jammu & Kashmir Government. The matter has been referred to the CBI for further investigation.

Salary and Allowances of Agricultural Scientists

*509. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some Members of Parliament have written to Government for an increase in the salary and allowances of Agricultural Scientists; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G. S. DHILLON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter is under consideration of the Government.

T.V./Radio facilities to MPs/MLAs

*510. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to allow the MLAs and MPs to explain the problems of their constituencies through T.V. and Radio; and

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Adequate publicity is being provided by All India Radio and Doordarshan of the visits of Central and state Ministers to review progress of various developmental schemes and drought and flood relief measures in their news bulletins "A Peoples Forum" programme has also been introduced in which public grievances and administrative response to alleviate them are duly highlighted.

Activities of SAARC in prohibition and drug abuse Control

*511 DR BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to refer to the reply to Starred Question 461 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th August, 1987 and state:

(a) whether a grant of Rs 243.200 was sanctioned to the Society for